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William Inge's *Picnic* Opens This Weekend



photo by Jenny Palecek

William Inge's play *Picnic* will be performed by the Saint Joseph's College Columbian Players.

by Ashley Pierce

The Columbian Players announce the performance of *Picnic*, the award winning drama written by William Inge. Performances will be held Thursday, October 17, and Friday, October 18 at 8:00 pm with a special matinee performance Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 pm in the auditorium of the Science Building. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students, and admission for the Saint Joseph's College community

is free.

Picnic takes place in the shared backyard of two families, the Owens and the Potts. Hal Carter, a drifter, enters their lives and changes them forever.

The cast includes Sophomore Tamara Bumpers as Helen Potts; Senior Andy Hicks as Hal Carter, Sophomore Sara Reasoner as Millie Owens, and Sophomore Craige Phipps as Bomber. Madge Owens is portrayed by Sophomore Theresa Richer,

and Sophomore Mandy Munson portrays Flo Owens. Also in the cast are Senior Jennifer Palecek as Rosemary Sydney, Senior Matt Owens as Alan Seymour, and Junior Jeanette Catuara as Irma Kronkite. Others include Freshman Megan Bodner as Christine Schoenwalder and Junior William Shannon as Howard Bevans.

The cast and crew are enthusiastic about the performance, despite the short time they have had to rehearse. Owens commented, "There is a shorter rehearsal schedule than we've had in the past." Advertising the performance more this year is very important. "In the past, the first play of the season has been held on Parents' Weekend," stated Owens. However, Parents' Weekend was held earlier this year, and the play was scheduled for a later date. Inge's play *Picnic* is also being read in Core 1.

Possibility of Overcrowding Discussed

by Peggy McLeish

Along with the large freshman class this school year, a concern for overcrowding became an issue at Saint Joseph's for the future. Student Association President Bob Dusek initiated campus concern among the students about the issue at the October 8th Student Senate meeting. According to Dusek, the administration is trying to come up with and consider ideas for dealing with the possible situation of Saint Joseph's

College becoming overcrowded with students.

If next fall a freshman class the same size in numbers is again brought to Saint Joseph's College, there will not be enough housing available to accommodate every student. The problem is particularly evident for women.

Considerations that were discussed at the October 8th meeting by members of the Senate include the creation of a co-educational dormitory from one of the existing dormitories. Another option discussed was to change one

of the male dormitories into a female dormitory. Other ideas included renovating Dwenger into a dormitory and making use of rooms in Schweiterman hall. One option discussed among the students that was especially favored was letting upperclass students live off campus.

Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Manis will likely speak at the next Student Senate about the administration's ideas and concerns regarding the issue.

NEWS BRIEFS

Campus Ministry held its annual Wilderness Retreat on the weekend of September 26th through the 28th. The retreat was organized with the Saint Augustine parish of Rensselaer.

The Feast of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo will be celebrated by a Mass, Jubilee Celebration and banquet on Tuesday, October 21st.

A Book of Remembrance will be kept in the Chapel throughout the month of November by Campus Ministry. All members of the community are welcome to enter names of deceased family and friends to be remembered in a special way during the Sunday worship services.

October 13th was the first Admissions Discovery Day for the academic year. Prospective Freshmen were invited to campus and introduced to Saint Joseph's College.

Prominent political figures, such as State Appellate Court Justice Pat Riley and State Legislator Katie Wolfe spoke in the Core Auditorium Thursday, October 9th, as part of a speaker's program on professional women.

Lil' Sibs Weekend is being planned for the weekend of October 24th and 25th. Many activities have been planned by SUB. A cheerleading clinic will also be held during the weekend for the youth.

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ARE DORM FINES OUT OF CONTROL?

by Bradley Gellert

Dorm fines are the college student's most dreaded expense. At a point in our lives where we have probably the most shallow cash flow of our existence, we are slapped with ludicrous fines. What's the point? Quite a few years back, dorm fines were introduced

in order to curb the damages caused from alcohol abuse.

However, this good idea has turned sour in every respect. Every month our accounts are posted with inconsistent, outrageous fines. For example, during my freshman year, while living in Seifert, my floor was charged a total of \$22 for two unscrewed light bulbs. Yes, you read this correctly. UNSCREWED. Not broken or damaged, but unscrewed. Some janitor simply twisted the bulbs back into place, and we were charged \$22 for this five second burden! This year, my floor in Gallagher was charged for the fruit that remained in the showers for five days. I'm sorry, but custodial engineers get paid to clean up for us. \$18,000 a year per student should adequately cover their paychecks, especially since Saint Joe's experienced such a mi-

raculous increase of incoming freshmen this year. When our garbage collects on the floor in the dormitory for five days, we should be quarantined, not fined.

I think as a student population, we need to stand against the individual who thinks garbage cans cost over 40 bucks and fire hoses cost \$500, (which was suddenly realized to be a little steep for a new hose). From now on, we demand receipts and other proofs of purchases for exactly how much the replacement items cost.

And on top of all the B.S., we are charged disciplinary fines! How many times can we be charged for the same incident?! If a broom is broken we are charged ten times the amount of the broom for its replacement, and then a nice disciplinary fine is tacked on because of the person who committed the act. We are no

longer children. Those of you on your power trips, and there are so many of you here in the middle of your cornfield community with swelled heads, claim that if we act like children, then we will be treated as them.

Obviously, the proposed solution to the problem is not working. The problem has continued in spite of the consequences for over a decade. It's about time to try something new.

Finally, it is our right to know as students, what our money is applied toward. Many here know that the fines are put in the "general fund." However, no one really knows how and when the general fund is used. Therefore, the general fund account should be posted and made well aware for every student. That way we can be certain we are not paying for anybody's golf outings.

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Taking precautions to ensure safety on campus

by Heather Hagan

A young, female college student is walking toward a dark parking lot late at night. She reaches her car and just as she is about to unlock the door, her attacker decides to make his presence known. The next morning police are questioning other students and the parking lot is encased in yellow crime scene tape.

This sounds like the script of a bad horror movie, but these kinds of incidents are not unheard of on college campuses. The issue of campus safety is one of paramount importance.

It would seem that a college as small as St. Joseph's in a town as sheltered as Rensselaer would have little to worry about. However, a recent event at Franklin College in Franklin, IN demonstrated that safety is an issue relevant to schools of all sizes. On Franklin's campus, which has a student body comparable in size to St. Joseph's, a freshman girl was abducted from her car while on her way home from work and murdered. Her killer is still at large.

This is not to say that there are killers lurking in every dark corner of the Saint Joseph's campus. But this should be an eye opening incident for any student who of-

ten walks alone at night or practices other habits which can put one in harm's way. Obviously, we are all adults and no longer have a bedtime so it is inevitable that students will be out late, whether they are partying or working at the computer lab. But there are many simple precautions that can be taken to prevent putting oneself in a potentially dangerous situation.

To begin with, try to find someone else to walk with if you find yourself out late at night. There are many places on campus which are very poorly lit and seem to invite would-be stalkers. Even the most central part of campus, the area surrounding the Core



building, is somewhat frightening late at night. If you happen to be out alone and no friends are available, call campus security and ask an officer to escort you back to the dorm. That is what they are there for, and they will be more than happy to be of service.

While it is not healthy to carry these precautions to the extreme of paranoia, it is important to be aware of the dangers that are present on any college campus. Hopefully, this awareness will lead to safety and a stronger sense of security.

Vandalism Done to Satellite Dishes

by Julia Garcia

Over Homecoming Weekend, the three satellite dishes outside of the Maintenance building were vandalized. The dishes were spray-painted with the words "let's get high" in gray paint. A security officer on patrol that weekend noticed the satellites and reported the damage. The incident was not severe enough to get the local police involved. Those responsible have not been

found.

Plans for the satellites include a new coat of paint to cover the graffiti. "As far as I know, the vandalism has not affected the [functioning of the] satellites," stated Ernest Watson, Director of Campus Security. However, the incident has had a big impact on campus. "I think it's sad when people decide to vandalize something that is of benefit to so many people on campus," stated Senior Sharon Rhyne.

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Senior Class Prepares for Year's Events

by Ashley Pierce

Seniors have already begun planning for graduation, and despite a low turnout at the first meeting, made a great deal of progress.

The Senior class held their first meeting on Tuesday, September 23, to discuss Commencement and other graduation activities. President Skip Shannon discussed the location of graduation. This year, Saint Joseph's commencement will be held in the Fieldhouse, instead of outside, as it has been in past years. Reasons given for the change included lower cost, less labor, and not having to relocate because of rain.

Also, Nominations for a commencement speaker were considered. SJC commencement speakers do not receive a monetary fee, but they do receive an honorary degree. All nominations for possible commencement speakers must be turned in by November 1. Tammy Williams and Mary Bear will head the committee regarding the graduation speaker.

Other activities planned include the Senior Champagne Breakfast, which will

be held on Wednesday, December 10. Seniors have also decided to put together a slide show or video and are currently in the process of gathering pictures. Rachel Hempel and Stephanie Witkemper head the slide show committee.

The Senior class gift was also discussed. Potential gifts included a bench with "Class of 1998" inscribed on it. Possible graduation weekend ideas such as a campout at the IM field and graduates remaining on campus Sunday night after commencement were also mentioned.

Other committees formed were the Baccalaureate committee, headed by Jen Kenyeri, Jeff Kirch, and Elizabeth Sawyer. Members of a Decorations Committee are still needed. This committee will be in charge of decorating the Fieldhouse for graduation day.

Any senior who is interested in joining a committee, or has any ideas for the graduation ceremonies or activities should contact the senior class officers or committee members.

Students Display Their Many Abilities at MSU Talent Show

by Patrick Guyette

The second annual Saint Joseph's College Talent show took place on October 1, 1997 in the Halleck Center Ballroom. Sponsored by the Minority Student Union and Student Union Board, the show was hosted by Marty Corley and Varon Cantrell and the Master of Ceremonies was Reggie Edwards. There were over ten acts for all to see. A variety of talents were displayed for the audience. Among some of the acts were Chicago's Poetry reading, Vicki Jaroszewski's ballet dancing, and Mick Mancuso singing "Keeper of the Stars." The top three places took home cash. First place was awarded \$100, second

\$75, and third \$50. The third place winner was a drum trio, Will E-Mail, with their percussion instrumental, Tribal Trip. This drum trio included Brad Gellert, Randy Wagers, and Jason Allen, who rocked the audience with their booming drum beats and tribal rhythm. Second place was Rickey McCray and Aaron Thomas with their singing debut "Let Me Touch You." This duet touched the audience with their heart felt song of love and desire. First place winner was Eyes of Deception. They won with their unique modern dance ensemble to a Rhythm and Blues melody mix.

The judging for the contest was based

on how the audience reacted to the performer, the quality of the act, originality and the liveliness of the performer. Although some audience members were upset with the judges' decision, the majority of the audience had no complaints. The judging panel was composed of four students, one from each class, and four faculty members.

Also at the Talent Show was a \$50 door prize raffle. Tickets could be purchased at the door for \$.25 each. The winner was Dan Adams. However, because there was so much money raised, a second \$20 drawing was held. This winner was "D" Fletcher.

Is there a Doctor in the House?

Dan Doctor Elected Student Senate President

by Lisa Phillips

"I know Dan Doctor to be a clear-headed, fair-minded, and responsible person," said Michael Nichols, Senate Treasurer. "The office of the Senate President is only as good as the person holding it, and...I think Dan was an excellent choice."

In fact, it was Nichols who nominated Doctor for the position of Senate President at a September Senate meeting. Doctor was elected at the October 6th meeting of the Senate.

As Senate President, Doctor will be acting "as chairperson, conducting all meetings of the Student Senate and remaining impartial." Doctor is also a member of the Executive Board of Student Association and a member of two Senate committees: Constitution and Student Life.

According to Doctor, "Some students have legitimate complaints about things on this campus that should be dealt with."

Doctor is excited to have the opportunity to handle complaints because he believes that Saint Joe is a good place to be and he is dedicated to his fellow students. "I want my life and my being here at Saint Joe to mean something," he commented.

Doctor is a senior Philosophy major who began working at Saint Joe as a security officer in January of 1993. During August of that year, he began taking classes on a part-time basis and continued taking classes every semester.

Only one year from graduation, Doctor decided to resign from his position as security officer and enroll as a full-time student in June. He plans to advance to graduate school in the fall and eventually earn his PhD in Philosophy or Spanish Mysticism.

Doctor believes that Saint Joe is a place where anyone can get involved and make a difference. "The disappointing thing is

that most students don't realize the contribution they could make until they have left here," he observed.

Doctor believes that some students do not take advantage of their elected student representatives. "When any student has a problem and can't seem to get any help, they should turn to their dorm government," he stated. The issue will be dealt with at the next Senate meeting.

Doctor is confident about his new position and promises to represent his fellow Pumas to the best of his abilities. "I'm not saying that this is going to be easy, but nothing in life that has value ever is."

Doctor realizes that students must also take an active role if the campus is to be improved. "If there are things that make you mad and you say nothing, don't be surprised if nothing gets done. This is our campus, and the quality of life here is up to us."



photo by Rachel Barlage

Dan Doctor takes everything, especially his new position as Student Senate President, very seriously. He is looking forward to a year of rigorous activity and positive change.

Outta Site

by Heidi Jugovic

This week's recommended site: www.shareware.com

Ever tried to buy good software? This is not an easy job. Many different packages are available for any task you want to accomplish, and sometimes it's really hard to know what to look for. More often than not, I have been disappointed when I've tried to buy software off the shelf.

Fortunately, another option exists for those computer users who are willing to be a little adventurous. It's called shareware, and the basic idea behind it is: "Try; then buy."

That's right. The lovely programmers who created shareware, market it in such a way that consumers first try the program, and then, if they are satisfied with it, pay for the program.

Where can this incredible software be found? In several places, but the most common place and the place we are concerned with is on the internet. In shareware libraries, users can search for the kind of programs they want, download them, install them on their computers, and then pay for them if they work well. One such shareware library is this week's recommended site.

Shareware is not for the faint-hearted. Sometimes downloading and installing it can be really tricky. Sometimes it's hard to tell which version to download for your PC. Sometimes the programming is downright pitiful and hard to uninstall when you want to get rid of it. But then, all of these risks exist when you buy software off the shelf, and at least you're not losing any money in the process.

Some of you are probably saying, "Wait a minute. If I install it and like it, what is forcing me to pay for it after I already have it?" Sometimes, nothing except your honor. However, some shareware is crippled so that it will only work for a certain length of time unless you send in a registration fee and get some extra programming to make it work again.

Some shareware, designed by sick-minded, bitter programmers, is riddled with viruses that destroy your system in revenge if you don't register the shareware. Some shareware programmers offer bonuses and incentives for registration.

Even if the shareware you download is uncrippled and complete, you really should register it because good shareware programmers try to make their programs so good that you'll be delighted to pay for them. It's nice to support quality work.

One very important caution should be kept in mind when downloading shareware or ANYTHING from the internet. Computer viruses are out there. They are no joke when they convince your PC that it doesn't have a hard drive or when they delete your operating system.

There are programs out there that screen for viruses that might be worth investing in, although their effectiveness is debatable. The key is: Back up everything! If shareware sounds like a great idea to you but you feel intimidated, ask a friend who knows computers to help you out. In spite of the risks, there are some great benefits to shareware, and you'll never know if you don't try!

Wanted: One human head, preferably male, for famous horseman. Will pay generously. Please respond by October 31, as it's hard to get a date to the Halloween dance with a pumpkin for a head. Contact the Headless Horseman in Sleepy Hollow.

Spotlight on April Johnson: Core XI Bartender

by Karri Starkman

Many students on Saint Joe's campus are happy to call Core XI home on many occasions. One reason (although perhaps not the number one reason) is because of Core XI's friendly atmosphere.

Part of this atmosphere includes senior April Johnson, who is a bartender at Core XI. The other talented Core XI bartenders are: Joshua Thorup, Dan Doctor, Jamie Holt, Elizabeth Sawyer, Rachel Hempel, Bill Donovan, Scott Moore, Abby Cheatham, Marty Ykas, and Sherry London.

April is an International Business major with a minor in Spanish. One of the highlights of April's time at Saint

Book Marks

Now that the days are getting cooler and fall is finally here, it is a perfect time to curl up with a favorite book. So turn off the TV and try these titles.

Mias Grace Margaret Atwood's latest novel is a suspenseful, entertaining, and beautifully written account of the story of murder in nineteenth century Canada.

bastard out of Carolina Dorothy Allison's harrowing and tensely moving story of a young girl's childhood in the rural south presents an honest portrait of family life.

etting Loose the Hounds This collection of short stories by Brady Udall presents sunny, disturbing, and hopeful look at human nature through its unusual characters and bizarre situations.

t's Cradle Kurt Vonnegut's latest novel is about the human spirit, a mysterious substance called Ice Nine, and the end of the world as we know it.

Joe's has been her bartending job.

April had to take many steps in order to get her job at Core XI. The first step was to fill out an application and give it to the manager. After being accepted by the manager, her application had to be approved by a higher power.

If a person has many write-ups and disciplinary problems, he or she is not allowed to work at the bar. April had none of these problems and was hired almost instantly.

April says that she enjoys working at Core XI because she has had the opportunity to talk to people who she otherwise would have probably never talked to. April says that there are usually no problems with people in the bar.

"We are all friends, and

if someone starts to act stupid, their friends are there to calm them down," she explains. However, Core XI does have security in case things get out of control.

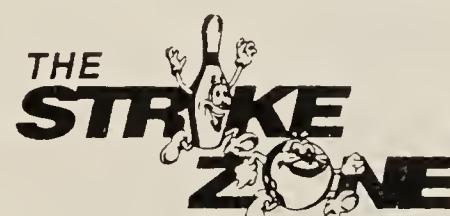
April also claims that security has begun to come down harder on underclassmen who try to sneak in. "They have to crack down because it is illegal for people under twenty-one to be in a bar," April explained.

April says that the worst part of her job is cleaning up the dance floor after a busy night. Other than that, she enjoys her job very much and feels that it has opened many doors for her.

In the future, April hopes to find a job that will pay for her Master's Degree. She doesn't see bartending as a future career choice, but she will always cherish her memories at Core XI.

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Ask Arnie

Dear Arnie,

I'm a senior, and I have no idea what I'm doing next year. My stomach is in knots, and I haven't done anything to prepare for the future. My mom wants me to get a job, but I am only 21, and I'm not ready to enter the "real world" quite yet. What can I do?

--Worried

Dear Worried,

You are not alone. Most seniors are in the same boat as you. It is a hard thing to start from the beginning when you have always had your parents to fall back on, especially when your mother is pushing you to get a job. You might want to go to the Career Center and discuss your options with someone there. Also, a professor may be helpful in getting you started in researching opportunities in your major. There are numerous volunteer programs you can get involved in. You should not let your mom pressure you into getting a job. It is a very important time for you, and you need to make many serious decisions that should not be rushed nor forced. You want to be happy and stable, and the only way is to explore your options and make decisions for yourself. You still have time to think about what you want to do, and you can always change your mind. Don't feel overwhelmed yet--take your time and use it wisely. Good Luck!

--Arnie

Send letters to Ask Arnie at Post Office Box 2225 or put them in The Observer box in the Core building.

Egans Perform Bach in SJC Recital Series

by Tami Hart

On October 5, 1997, Anne-Marie and John Egan performed a recital in the Chapel. The recital was performed in honor of Father Heinman, who celebrated his 80th birthday. All of the pieces performed were composed by Bach, since he is one of Father Heinman's favorite composers.

Mr. and Mrs. Egan have been performing for 41 years and always enjoy a new challenge and opportunity to learn and perform a repertoire that is new to them. They came to Saint Joe's in the early sixties and have been teaching in the music department ever since.

The public was welcomed to attend the recital, and

Anne-Marie Egan was very pleased by the local support. The recital is one in a series offered by the music department. All recitals are sponsored by the music department, the College Faculty Fine Arts Committee, and the Prairie Arts Council.

Due to the reduction of the fine arts budget, concerts by outside performers will be replaced by a monthly recital featuring various local performers. The next recital will be a program of piano works by Beethoven, Chopin, and Schubert given by Helena Davis and John Egan in celebration of Helena and her husband Mike's fiftieth wedding anniversary. The recital is scheduled for Sunday, November 9, at 2:30.

Men's Soccer Team Is on Fire: Confidence Is Running High

by James Sedam

En fuego! To those who speak Spanish, this term means "on fire." Because of the men's soccer team, this term has now come to Saint Joseph's. Just as Hurricane Pauline has caused massive destruction on the coast of Mexico, the men's soccer team is pounding its opponents.

With four wins in a row, the team is looking great and has a good chance of meet-

ing their pre-season goals. Two of the four games were quite the nail biters. The Pumas beat Missouri-Rolla last week in double overtime, and for the first time in Saint Joseph's history, the men claimed victory over Northern Kentucky.

The goals set at the beginning of the year were simple: have a 500 season and make the conference tourney. With the record now at six wins and six losses (2-4 in the

GLVC), the team is in pretty good shape.

"The team is playing with a lot of confidence right now," Senior Tom Williams said. "The team has really started to gel over the past four games. It seems that all of the hard work that we have been putting in since the beginning of the season is really starting to pay off," he added.

Saint Joseph's has shown a lot in the past four games that differed from the first month

of play. The team has been behind late in the game but has come back to win. This exemplifies the character, mentality, and the hard work that the men have been striving for all season. It's paying off, too.

The men will be playing a conference game on Tuesday, October 14, at Kentucky Wesleyan. Their last home game is this Saturday, October 8, at 1:00pm on the Minielli Memorial Field.

On Track...

Women's Golf Team Ends their Season Successfully

by Kevin Collins

The women's Puma golf team finished their fall season on the greens Sunday October 5th. They played in six events this fall and did better than they have ever done before.

The team traveled to the Universities of Indianapolis, Southern Indiana, and Findlay during the month of September. They hosted the Saint Joseph's Invitational Sept. 21-22, and then traveled to Tri-State and Manchester to finish the season.

Each and every time the ladies hit the course they proved that they could be very competitive. The ladies improved upon past performances individually and as a team, and ultimately they did an outstanding job representing Saint Joseph's College.

Senior Jill Peterson, who led the team this season with an average of 88.8 strokes, reflected happily upon the season.

"I was impressed with the team's performance throughout the season. It was fun to see improvement from when I was a freshman, both individually and as a team".

The overall improvement was the main thing that head coach Rick Mangus was interested in as well. He pointed out that the team average improved thirty strokes from last season. The Lady Pumas averaged a team score of 362 strokes, breaking under the 350 mark for the first time ever during the first round at Tri-State with a score of 348.

Coach Mangus said "the girls should be very proud of their performance during the fall season and should look forward to playing the spring schedule."

Football Team on the Comeback

by Jamie Riberto

The Pumas are 3-3 after defeating the Quincy Hawks 52-14 on October 4th. The team rushed 60 times for 482 yards and 7 touchdowns in the big win. The Pumas are currently ranked 23rd in the country for Division II in total offense, 8th in rushing offense, and 11th in scoring offense.

Some of the key players in

the game were Sophomore fullback, Darius Barker who had a career high of 123 yards on 16 carries for two touchdowns for the Pumas. Senior Carl Voltaire also contributed with three touchdowns. Other players who played well were Senior Todd Dibkey with two quarterback sacks and Sophomore Erich Hitzeman who was named special team player of the

week.

Head Coach Riva felt that the team played up to his expectations.

"It was a good team effort on both sides. The offensive line played really well. We were five yards shy of breaking a school record for most rushing yards in a game," he explained. "When we play together as a team and a unit, we are pretty tough to stop."

Barker agreed with Coach Riva on the topic of team effort and pulling it together for the win. "It was a total team effort. Everyone played really hard and really together and we were able to win."

Hitzeman thinks that the team has not played their best yet. "Saturday's win was huge for us, but we still have not played our best game yet and when we do, watch out!"

Baseball Team Gets Into Practice

by Kevin Collins

The Saint Joseph's College baseball team is working harder than they ever have before in an effort to get back on the winning track.

During the 1995-96 baseball season, the Pumas won the Great Lakes Valley Conference and went all the way to the NCAA Division II College World Series, finishing second in the country.

Last season, after losing several key players to graduation, the Pumas failed to make it into post-season play. This left the team with the task of figuring out how to get back on top.

Head coach Mike Moyzis has the team striving to do what it takes for the Pumas to become winners again.

Junior outfielder Dave Drzonek said, "The team's



photo by Charles Martin

The Pumas prepare for competition during practice.

work ethic this fall has been great. We are working harder than ever."

Working and competing for their positions on the team drives each player to work on a higher level.

Coach Moyzis recruited a large amount of freshman players. There are more than twenty freshmen on the 1997-98 roster. Playing the Fall schedule was very good for these younger players and

also the rest of the team. The Fall season gives the team an opportunity to play together and learn how to work together as a team. It also gives the coaches a chance to evaluate a player's performance and to start making decisions as to who will fill each position.

The Pumas can look forward to the Spring season when they will be joined by teammates unable to participate in Fall action due to participation in other fall events.

The team will see their first action of the 1998 season at the College of St. Francis, IL, on February 28th. They will also take their annual spring trip to Fort Myers, Florida, to get some preseason games under their belt in preparation for another conference competition.

Profile: Mary Zurek... Team Captain and Future Teacher

by James Sedam

Focus, concentrate, jump, bite the turf, and clean the grass off of your face. That is what is on the schedule for Saint Joe Senior, Mary Zurek, the lady Pumas soccer goal keeper.

Mary came to Saint Joseph's from Libertyville, Illinois for two reasons: a good education and to play soccer. She has achieved both and has managed to do it with style.

Zurek will graduate this May with a degree in elementary education and hopes to teach in the near future. She has been spending the last few summers helping coach



photo by Charles Martin
her little brother's soccer team and would like to get into coaching full time in the future as well.

Parents, friends, and especially teammates are at the top of the list when it comes

to influences in her life.

Zurek says, "My teammates offer me so much support and I couldn't have done it without them."

What couldn't she have done? For starters, at Libertyville High School, she only allowed nine goals in three years of varsity play. On top of that, this season, in the goal for the Pumas, she has tallied a total of six shutouts and has been named the Great Lakes Valley Conference player of the week.

She is one of three captains for the Lady Pumas this season and she has a lot to say about the team.

"Going to the national

championships last year was a great experience but that was last year. This year's team is a lot different. We lost eight players to graduation and two to other schools," she stated. "We are a young team, but the freshmen this year do not play like freshmen. We go out everyday and work our tails off and the entire team has played well because of our hard work," she continued.

Mary wanted to say a special congrats to the three other senior players, Jessica Beckemier, Megan Kolaczyk, and Carrie Zolper.

She says, "All of them are having such a great year, and they deserve some credit, too."

Summing it up: Sports Updates

by Eric Schneider

Men's Golf

The men's golf team recently finished in ninth place at the GLVC Tournament with a three round score of 480. The Pumas were led by Senior Jason Rozanski's 231 which placed him in 22nd place.

Freshman Kevin Knaust said he is excited about the end of the golf season. "The team has a lot of talent but wasn't showing it. I'm excited about the upcoming Spring season."

Cross Country

The women's cross country team finished in fifth place at the Benedictine Invitational in Lisle, Illinois. Freshman Sara Depew finished in 10th place with a time of 19:38. The Lady Pumas are currently 21-18 during the season.

The men finished in seventh place at the Benedictine Invite. Junior Damon Dexter took home first place honors with a time of 26:34. The team carries a 20-22 record into this weekend.

Women's Tennis Team Wins Conference

by Jamie Riberto

The women's tennis team competed in the Rolex Tournament in Indianapolis on Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th. The tournament consists of everyone playing singles and doubles with no team scores, only individual scoring, and the women play until they lose.

Jen Silva played two rounds of singles for the Pumas. Coach Barrientos feels that the making the trip to In-

dianapolis was a good idea. "It was a great thing for the girls. They played really hard and faced some really good competition. It was well worth going to the tournament. I was pleased with the outcome even though we did not have the singles or doubles champion. The girls did really well."

The women ended their season winning the conference this weekend at Northern Kentucky.

Ranked number one, the Pumas entered the tournament Friday in a match against number eight, Kentucky Wesleyan and defeated them easily. The women then went on to face fourth ranked, Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville and won again. They ended their triumphant weekend by facing the University of Indianapolis in the championship round and won 5-2.

This is the first time the

women's team has won conference since 1994.

Orzechoskie is thrilled about being conference champs and beating a team who had them down last year. "As a top seed going into the tournament, we knew we were good enough to do it. As a team we all stepped it up," she stated. "Indianapolis is a tough team. We lost to them last year in the championship match so we were excited to beat them this year!"

SPORTS SHORTS

Saint Joseph's Volleyball Team Adjusts Their Attitude to Ensure Further Success

by Jill Masters

Wednesday, October 1, the Saint Joseph's Pumas volleyball team took on Indiana Purdue at Fort Wayne in a conference game. The Pumas hung in for as long as they could, but there was no stopping IPFW. By the last game it was obvious that the Pumas were running out of steam. They became a little more than frustrated with the events at hand.

"We just couldn't hold

onto a team that has no one weak spot," front line blocker, Mindi Replin commented. "We had our times when we shined, but nothing was as bright as their all-around game," she added.

The Saint Joseph's Pumas lost in all three games to IPFW 15-0, 15-7, 15-7 to fall to 10-7 overall and 2-5 in the conference. The Pumas were led by Sophomore Kari Puzauskas' 7 kills and Freshman Katie Carroll had 2 digs.

The Pumas took on Wisconsin-Parkside just three days later in a grudge match. Both teams fought until the bitter end, but there could only be only one winner.

"I thought that we were going to pull it off a couple of times. It was almost like clockwork," Junior Anne LaCure stated. "We know how to pull out the stops, we just have lapses every now and then," she added.

The Pumas lost in four

games to Parkside 15-9, 14-16, 16-14, and 16-14 to fall to 10-8 and 2-6 in the conference. The SJC Pumas were led by Freshman Traci Wall's 18 kills and 33 assists and Sophomore Sarah Taylor's 24 digs.

"Sometimes it seems like nothing will stop us and other times we lack the desire that drives us," LaCure commented.

The Pumas are a very tough team. They each have

a role to fill.

Sophomore Jill Stevens comments on the team's attitude.

"When one person gets down the team feels it. We try to be positive, and bring ourselves out of the hole that we dug, but sometimes the hole is deeper than we thought."

The Pumas' next game is on Thursday, October, 16, in the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse at 7:00pm.

Escaping Myself

by Mark Polit

This is my generation
the freedom of my youth,
how will I use it
to seek the truth.
I look towards another day
because nothing ever seems to
stay.
I want to leave
all my questions behind,
to free my soul,
to lose my mind.
my confusion is hitting a wall,
sooner or later
I will fall.
but I'll get back up
and dust myself clean
I'll find tomorrow

because today can be so
mean.
life is short
and I need to take a chance
sooner or later
I will dance
and I'll look at you
with a smile on my face,
and think that your life
was such a waste.
books can't teach you
what you need to know,
only by living
can your mind grow.
scorn my decisions
but you will see,
in the end
I will have lived happily.

MOVIES

Sony Theatre in Merrillville

The Peacemaker - 2:40, 4:20, 5:40, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20

The Matchmaker - 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:10

Soul Food - 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20

Wes Craven's Wishmaster - 7:20, 9:40

In and Out - 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 6:50, 8:00, 9:20, 10:30

The Full Monty - 2:30, 4:40, 6:40, 9:30

The Game - 3:20, 7:00, 9:50

Southlake Mall in Merrillville

Kiss the Girls - 1:50, 3:10, 4:25, 5:45, 7:00, 8:20, 9:35

U-Turn - 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45

L.A. Confidential - 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

The Edge - 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

Gang Related - 1:30, 2:50, 4:05, 5:20, 6:45, 8:00, 9:20

Mrs. Brown - 1:30, 3:40

Air Force One - 5:50, 8:30

Music in the 1990's

by Charles Martin

Music has evolved throughout the decades. As we travel through life, the music we listen to plays an important role in how we, and others, see ourselves. It defines who we are, and makes each of us different in a unique way. With the many types of music filling the record stores today, the days of "pop" music have gone to the wayside.

Popular music means something different to each person you might ask. As I see it, pop music is dead. It is replaced rather with the personal tastes of the individual. When it comes to music, more people are listening to what they like, not what is currently popular or "in." This belief leads to more openness in the musical world. When you go into the music store, how do you know what CD or album

you are going to buy? Is it based on word of mouth? Or do you buy what you think is good?

Most people that I've talked to listen to what



they personally think is good. I for one don't really care if what I listen to is liked by others. Music is important to me, and even if my preferences are judged as stupid or strange, I'll go on listening to the

music that I like. Many others also seem to have a personal taste in the music they listen to. From classical to rock and roll, everyone is entitled to their own opinion when it comes to music.

Some questions have risen as to the quality of today's music. With more and more record labels producing albums, is the music we listen to becoming corrupted by commercialization and corporate control?

The music stations known as MTV and VH1 are giving music exposure to the point of overload, and many programs on these channels, especially MTV, have nothing to do with music. Music should reach everyone, and each person should have his/her own definition of "good" music. The 90's give us the variety to choose, and that's what makes today's music great.

The Gift

by Lisa Phillips

A piece of you, you give to me
With an honest gaze.
You say nothing, but I know
And I am in a daze.
You tell me with this token
how much you really care,
Although you can't always
help
And can't always be there.
You show me with this trea-
sured trinket
What I knew before
That you are my friend no
matter
Who tries to shut the door.
A piece of you to hold with
me
When, in the night, I despair
A comfort whispering in my
mind
That someone will always
care.

Eve

by Mike Nichols

These streets are a wilder-
ness,
A tired, lonely kiss,
On a cold, pale cheek.
Our metal hands tear our
concrete skin
To drain our black blood
within,
Running ever so deep.

Eve
We could change all we see
If you would just believe
in me
And quench these raging
fires.

Eve
Come back to me.
You tower over me
Like these evil, coiling,
steel spires.

Air is choking dust,
The color of wine and rust,
Smelling like death ex-
haled.

Long gray necks spit a noxious
cloud,
A forlorn funeral shroud,
For a civilization that failed.

Eve
I can feel the world grieve,
But I still believe
We can save it from its tomb.

Eve
I can still see your face
clothed in light and lace
and the sweetest perfume.

Eve
For a moment I caught your
scent
But I'd forgotten what it meant
Until you'd drifted away.

Eve
In nothingness yet alive
Only my memories survive
But why won't they come to-
day?
Why won't you come today?